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JULY, 1952.

COUNCIL OFFICES,  
SOUTH STREET,  
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Report for the Year 1951.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population remains about the same.

The birth rate (16.3) is higher than last year (15.2) and higher than that for England and Wales (15.5).

The death rate (12.0) is higher than in 1950 (9.9), but lower than that for England and Wales (12.5).

The chief causes of death were in the same groupings as last year, mainly diseases associated with elderly people.

A number of wells supplying houses in villages without piped water continue to be polluted. Work of laying water mains in progress at Packington, and extensions to existing mains carried out at Coleorton, Osgathorpe, Ravenstone and Gracedieu. Work at Appleby Magna to be commenced as soon as the Packington mains are completed. Work is now in progress on the pump house at Heather where the borehole was sunk in 1949. The sinking of an additional borehole has been carried out at Acresford.

There are now 249 Cesspools in the district and none of the post war schemes of Sewerage and Sewage disposal have been carried out.

The number of inhabited houses has increased to 4,026 and the number of houses with water closets to 2,179. During the year 47 closets were converted to the water carriage system.

Only 38 houses were completed in 1951 compared with 87 in 1950, bringing the total of post war houses to 303. The total number of applicants for Council Houses at the end of the year was 808, and the number of applications received during the year was 118. Rehousing still remains an even greater problem facing the Council.

218 cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year, this included 121 cases of Measles, 44 cases of Whooping Cough, and 42 cases of Pneumonia. For the fifth year in succession Measles has again been prevalent mostly during March, April and May. This year there was very little Measles on the east side of the district as in the previous 4 years, there being 36 cases in Packington, 33 in Measham, 15 in Donisthorpe and Oakthorpe, 8 in Appleby Magna.

To the Staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council, I wish to extend my thanks for their willing help and co-operation.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to Mr. J. P. Cook, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. C. S. Curtis, Additional Sanitary Inspector, for their invaluable help during the year, and to you Ladies and Gentlemen for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McM. W. SEGERDAL.

Medical Officer of Health.



SECTION A.STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area ... ... ... ... ...	28,073	acres
Resident Population (R.G's estimate)...	13,700	
Number of Inhabited Houses...	4,026	
Rateable Value ... ... ... ...	£55,932	
Sum represented by a Penny Rate...	£216	
Comparability Factor - Births ...	1.04	
- Deaths ...	1.01	

The chief industries in the area are :-(1) Agriculture, (2) Coalmining, (3) Open Cast Coal Working (4) Brickmaking, (5) Stoneware and Pipemaking, and (6) Stone Quarrying. There are also small Textile Works and Light Engineering Works.

No particular industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on health during the year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births.</u>			
Legitimate ... ... ...	219	116	103
Illegitimate... ... ...	5	3	2
	224	119	105

Birth Rate - 16.3 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales

Birth Rate, 1951 - 15.5 per 1,000 population

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate ... ... ...	5	2	3
Illegitimate... ... ...	1	1	0
	6	3	3

Still Birth Rate - .43 per 1,000 population

England and Wales

Still Birth Rate, 1951 - .36 per 1,000 population

<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
...	165	85	80

Death Rate - 12.0 per 1,000 population

England and Wales

Death Rate, 1951 - 12.5 per 1,000 population



CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1951

DISEASES	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	3	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus...	2	0	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	0	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	7	3	10
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	8	13	21
Coronary disease, angina ...	12	6	18
Hypertension with heart disease ...	1	2	3
Other heart disease ...	11	15	26
Other circulatory disease ...	3	2	5
Influenza ...	3	7	10
Pneumonia ...	2	2	4
Bronchitis ...	10	6	16
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	0	1	1
Castritis enteritis and diarrhoea...	0	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis ...	2	4	6
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	2	0	2
Congenital malformations ...	4	2	6
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	10	8	18
Motor vehicle accidents ...	2	0	2
All other accidents ...	2	0	2
	85	80	165

Chief causes of Death in 1951 were :-

Heart Disease 47; Malignant Neoplasm 21; Vascular lesions of nervous system 21; Bronchitis 16; Influenza 10.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Total Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births (Live and Still) ... 0  
ditto England and Wales ... 0.79

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate ...	10	4	6
Illegitimate ...	0	0	0
	10	4	6

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS 44.6  
ENGLAND AND WALES 1951 PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS 29.6

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate ...	6	3	3
Illegitimate ...	0	0	0
	6	3	3



## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

#### HOSPITALS.

All the hospitals except some private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

THE COUNTY HOMES for the aged and destitute are under the County Council. When the inmates take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

#### TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

There are none actually held in your District.

INFANT WELFARE CLINICS are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-Natal Clinic and Tuberculosis Centre are available, the latter is under the auspices of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

#### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

#### NURSING IN THE HOME.

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the Home is under the Leicestershire County Council.

#### HEALTH VISITING.

This work is provided by the Leicestershire County Council and the work of Health Visitor, School Nurse, and Tuberculosis Visitor, is combined in a single appointment.

The Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

#### LABORATORY FACILITIES.

#### THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, ISOLATION HOSPITAL, GROBY ROAD, LEICESTER.

The following examinations were made :-

Milk	...	...	...	14
Water	...	...	...	3
Ice Cream	...	...	...	12
Sputa	...	...	...	29
Mis.	...	...	...	14

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SECTION C.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.1. WATER SUPPLY.

(a) Mains supplies have continued to be satisfactory, but a number of wells supplying houses in villages without piped water continue to be polluted.

(b) There has been continuity of supply in the Eastern Region. The Acresford area, particularly the villages of Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe have suffered from shortage owing to demand exceeding supply.

The above shortage is expected to be overcome when the pumping plant is installed at Acresford.

(c) The waters in this area are not liable to Plumbo-Solvent action.

(d) Water Supplies from Public Mains :-

DIRECT TO THE HOUSES		BY MEANS OF STANDPIPES.	
No. of Dwelling Houses.	Population.	No of Dwelling Houses.	Population.
3,624	12,397		There are no public standpipes in the district.

(e) No of parishes with piped water supply :-

(1) from public mains ...	...	...	13
(2) from private reservoirs ...	...	...	1
(3) No of parishes without a piped water supply ...	...	...	3
(4) Particulars of any extension of public water supplies...	...		Work of laying water mains in progress at Packington. Extensions to existing mains have been carried out at Coleorton, Osgathorpe, Ravenstone and Grace Dieu.
(5) No of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water...		75	

Number of samples taken for analysis.. 7

## RESULTS OF ANALYSIS.

Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
0	2	0	5

No. of houses relying on well supplies ... 402 Population ... 1,385  
No. of wells closed ... 49 No. of wells cleansed etc..... 1

## (6) Post-War Proposals :-

1. Work of laying water mains in progress at Packington. (Pipes have been supplied and contract let for laying of water mains at Appleby Magna, as soon as the Packington Mains are completed).
2. A new borehole was sunk in Mill Lane, Heather, during 1949 and work is now in progress on the pumphouse. The test carried out at the end of 1949 resulted in a yield of 10,000 gallons per hour.
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3. Approval was obtained for the sinking of an additional borehole at Acresford, and this work was carried out. The yield was 8,000 gallons per hour after several days continuous pumping test. This, plus the yield of the old borehole gives a total of 14,000 gallons per hour or 336,000 gallons per 24 hours for the supply to the villages of Measham; Oakthorpe; Donisthorpe; Appleby Magna; and Packington.

2. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No. of cesspools constructed during the year	...	...	9
No. of cesspools abolished during the year	...	...	nil
Total number in district on December 31st, 1951..	...	249	
No. of parishes with an efficient sewage disposal Works	...	...	4
No. of parishes where new schemes have been formulated	...	...	9

Post-War Proposals.

None of the postwar schemes have been commenced. Ministry approval is still awaited for proposed Schemes in the parishes of Appleby Magna; Snarestone; and part Measham; Packington; Heather; Coleorton; Worthington; and part Swannington; and Osgathorpe.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in district on 31st December, 1951 :-

(a) Privies - 345 (b) Pail Closets - 1,490 (c) W.C's - 2,179.

No. of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year :-

(a) Privies - (b) Pails - 47

A grant of £5 or half the cost whichever is the lesser is made towards the cost of conversion.

The means for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cesspools -

Direct labour. Petrol and hand pumps used for emptying of cesspools.

Pail Closets: Emptied by direct labour

Disposal of On to land.  
contents:

Frequency of Weekly  
emptying:

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is removed by direct labour. The Council have four Karrier "Bantam" Refuse Collection Vehicles. The vehicles are fitted with removable 360 gallon night soil tanks. Night soil is collected weekly, and bins collected every 14 days.

No. of parishes covered by routine collection	...	16
No. of Tips	...	4

5. SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

(a) Total number of complaints received .....	114 (10 Groundless)
(b) Total no. of Premises at which Defects or nuisances were dealt with .....	104
(c) Total no. of Defects or Nuisances dealt with in (b)	144

also known with regard to the nature of other ions, both in the solution and in the isolated nucleic acids. The following is the first report on the behavior of the nucleic acids in the presence of various cations.

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INSPECTIONS MADE.

Animal Keeping	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Salaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Trading Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	262
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,624
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(excluding visits by Rodent Operator)								
Signal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Slaughter-houses and Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Tents, Tans, Sheds, etc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Unsanitary and Dirty Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Workshops, Outworkers, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Other Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	249
TOTAL								<u>2,463</u>

NOTICES.

Preliminary.

	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Public Health.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January	20	60
Issued during year	58	114
Complied with during year	45	101
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	23	73

Statutory.

	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Public Health.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January	-	3
Issued during year	-	17
Complied with during year	-	11
Outstanding 31st December	-	9

6. SHOPS.

No action was taken under the Provision of Shops Act, 1934

7. CAMPING SITES.

There are no camping sites in the district.

Number of licences issued for moveable dwellings, Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 = 11.

8. REGULATED BUILDINGS.

<u>Regulated Buildings</u>	<u>No. in District</u>	<u>No of Inspections</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>General Conditions</u>
Common Lodging Houses	Nil	Nil	-	-
Tents, Tans, Sheds, etc.	11	27	-	-
Caravans	Nil	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	Nil	-	-	-



9. ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No. of Council Houses infested	...	...	Nil
No. of other dwelling houses found infested			4
No. of houses disinfested	...	...	4
Methods employed for disinfection	...		Sprays and Gas.
Carried out by Local Authority	...	...	4
Name of the fumigant and/or insecticide used			Zaldecide and Parafog.
Methods used for ensuring the Tenants' belongings are free from vermin before removal to Council Houses	...	...	Inspection.
Measures taken for the supervision of education of Tenants' to prevent infestation or re-infestation	...	...	Routine inspections and instruction where necessary.

10. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Routine parish by parish inspection of district, commenced in October. Free treatment of infested dwellings is carried out, business premises are charged on a time plus material basis.

One man is in the full time employ of the Council, and is employed half time on Rodent Operators duties.

11. SCHOOLS.

One school was treated for reported mouse infestation - proved groundless.

Sanitary accommodation improved at one school.

12. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

None in the district.

SECTION D.

13. ICE CREAM.

No. of premises Registered :-

(a) Manufacture and retail	.....	2
(b) Manufacture only	.....	nil
(c) Retail only	.....	26

No. of samples taken	:	12.	RESULTS	Grade 1	...	8
				Grade 2	...	4
				Grade 3	...	~
				Grade 4	...	~

The retailers sell prepared Ice Cream only, and this is obtained from six different manufacturers.



14. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8, Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949).

No. on Register	...	...	2
Distributors	...	...	9

BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES.

No. of samples taken	....	26	
Result of Analysis :	Satisfactory	...	25
	Evidence of living		
	Tubercle Bacilli..		1

The affected cow with living Tubercle Bacilli was slaughtered.

MILK SAMPLING (OTHER THAN BIOLOGICAL).

CLASS	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designated "Tuberculin Tested"			
"Accredited"			
"Pasteurised"	4	4	-
"Sterilized"			
Ordinary	8	8	-

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of licences issued :-

Dealers Licences :	Pasteurised	Sterilised
Supplementary Licences :	-	-
	4	

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of licences issued :-

Dealers Licences ...	...	3
Supplementary Licences ...		2

15. MEAT AND OTHER FOOD.

No. of regional slaughter houses in area	...	...	Nil
No. of animals slaughtered in area	...	...	Nil
No. of animals examined in area	...	...	Nil
No. of animals slaughtered elsewhere	...	...	Unknown
No. of animals examined elsewhere	...	...	One
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter			Nil
No. of Knacker Yards in area	...	...	Two
No. of visits to Knackers Yards	...	...	Eight

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

No carcass or part was condemned.



MEAT STALLS.

No. of inspections ... ... ... ... ... Nil

MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC.

No. of inspections ... ... ... ... ... 38

PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) IS KEPT  
OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

No. of inspections ... ... ... ... ... 8

FOOD INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IS AS FOLLOWS :-

Canned goods ... ... ... ... ... 35 tins

Beef ... ... ... ... ... 105 lbs

Pig carcass and all organs... ... ... ... ... 1

Model Byelaws Series No. 1 (Ministry of Food) have been adopted  
by the Council. (Adopted 20th December, 1949)

SECTION E.

16. HOUSING.

A. NEW HOUSES.

Houses completed during year by:	TYPE		Av. Cost per House.	Av. Rent inc. or exclusive of Rates.
	Prefabricated	Permanent		
1. Local Authority	-	28	Not determined	-
2. Private Enterprise	-	10	£1,500	-
1. Houses in course of erection at end of year by: Local Authority	-	40	Not determined	-
2. Private Enterprise	-	7	£1,530	-

Number of Post-War houses completed by :-

(a) Local Authority ..... 218

(b) Private Enterprise..... 55

Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year ... 808

Number of applications received during the year ..... 116

B. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing  
defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... 883

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... 1,624

(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head  
(1) above) which were inspected and recorded under  
the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932.... 58

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 289



(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	4
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	58

C. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .....	45
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D. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) by the owners .....	nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners .....	nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	114 (Informal)
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(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-	
(a) by owners .....	11
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners .....	-

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	4
(2) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	3

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	Nil
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E. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING :-

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year .....	Unknown
(2) Number of families dwelling therein .....	-
(3) Number of persons dwelling there .....	-
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year .....	-



(s) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	...	28
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases...	98	
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	Not known

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1951.

Diseases	Final numbers after correction	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever ...	4	1	0
Whooping Cough...	44	0	0
Measles ...	121	0	0
Pneumonia ...	42	0	4
Erysipelas ...	6	0	0
Dysentery ...	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b> ....	<b>218</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

Analysis under age groups according to Registrar General's Return 118d :

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
Under 1	0	2	8
1 - 2	0	13	20
3 - 4	1	17	39
5 - 9	0	11	44
10 - 14	3	1	8
15 - 24	0	0	2
25 and over	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>121</b>
	Pneumonia	Erysipelas.	Dysentery
Under 5	10	0	1
5 - 14	4	0	0
15 - 44	9	1	0
45 - 64	12	2	0
65 and over	7	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>



TABLE SHOWING INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN  
EACH PARISH DURING 1951.

PARISH	SCARLET FEVER	WHOOPING COUGH	MEASLES	PNEUMONIA	ERYSIPelas	DYSENTRY.
Appleby Magna	-	-	8	-	1	-
Chilcote	-	6	-	1	-	-
Coleorton	1	6	5	7	-	-
Heather	1	15	1	-	-	-
Measham	-	5	34	11	2	-
Normanton-le-Heath	-	-	3	-	-	-
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	-	3	15	5	-	-
Osgathorpe	1	1	6	-	-	1
Packington	-	1	33	-	1	-
Ravenstone	-	3	5	10	-	-
Snarestone	-	-	3	-	1	-
Staunton Harold	-	-	4	-	-	-
Swannington	1	3	1	6	-	-
Swepstone	-	-	2	2	1	-
Stretton-en-le-Field	-	1	-	-	-	-
Worthington	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals.....	4	44	121	42	6	1



## MEASLES.

The following table shows the incidence of Measles in

each parish monthly.



## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Number of children who were immunised during the period  
1st JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER, 1951.



STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS APPEARING IN THE REGISTER OF  
NOTIFICATIONS OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS FOR THE YEAR

1951

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			TOTALS.
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
Number of cases on Register at the commencement of the year ... ... ...	21	14	35	14	13	27	62
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year...	3	3	6	2	2	4	10
Number of cases restored to Register ... ... ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases added to Register and brought to notice other than by formal notification	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year.. ...	2	1	3	1	0	1	4
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of the year ...	22	17	39	16	15	31	70

CAUSES OF REMOVAL.

	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Pulmonary- Non	Pulmonary	Pulmonary- Non	
Cured	0	1	0	0	1
Died	1	0	0	0	1
Left County	1	0	1	0	2
	2	1	1	0	4



FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

Resumé of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1951, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

PART I OF THE ACT.

**1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS).**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	4	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	37	33	1	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ... ... ...	5	2	-	-
Total ... ... ...	45	39	1	-

**2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.**

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.			
	Found	Remedied	To H. M. Inspector	By H. M. Inspector.
Want of Cleanliness ...	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding ...	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation..	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ... ...	-	-	-	-
<u>SANITARY CONVENiences.</u>				
(a) Insufficient... ...	2	2	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for the sexes -	-	-	-	-
	3	3	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK ( SECTIONS 110 AND 111 )

Nature of Work.	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 111 (1) (c)
Wearing Apparel	
Making, etc.	22
Cleaning and Washing	-
Total ....	22



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR AND  
SANITARY INSPECTOR.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,  
SOUTH STREET,  
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

3rd April, 1952.

To the Chairman, Vice Chairman and  
Councillors of the Rural District  
Council of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this my 31ST Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1951, covering the parishes of :-

Appleby Magna, Bardon, Chilcote, Coleorton, Heather,  
Measham, Normanton-le-Heath, Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe,  
Osgathorpe, Packington, Ravenstone, Snarestone, Staunton  
Harold, Swannington, Swepstone, Stretton-en-le-Field,  
and Worthington.

During the year routine work has continued in connection with housing inspections, Town and Country Planning, sanitary improvements, drainage work, water supplies, inspection of food shops, etc.

During the year it was decided to bring into full use the Fourth Refuse Collection Vehicle, rather than have it standing idle and only be called upon when one of the other vehicles was off the road for repairs. In view of this you authorised me to draw up plans for re-dividing the district. Unfortunately staffing problems had not at the end of the year made it possible to bring the scheme into operation, but as soon as the labour position improves the scheme can be put into force.

The small Sewage Disposal Works at Newbold and Newton Burgoland designed to deal with the effluent from housing sites, continue to function satisfactorily, but considerable trouble has been experienced with the pump at Dawson's Close Council House Sewage Disposal Works at Osgathorpe, and complaints have been received from the tenant of the house adjoining the Works to the effect that offensive odours are emitted from the tanks and filter. The Ravenstone Works continue to be overloaded being in need of urgent reconstruction. Improvements to the Swannington Works are very desirable.



COMPLAINTS.

Under their heading I have classified the improvements and work carried out in connection with same :-

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	114
Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	114
Groundless complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Re-visits to work in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	133
Nuisances abated	....	...	...	...	...	...	77
Work still in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Work not started	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Nuisances detected (District Inspections)	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Re-visits to work in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Work still in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Informal Notices served.	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

In connection with the above table and outstanding work brought forward from 1950 the following work has been carried out :-

W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pan Closets constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pan Closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
New sanitary pans provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped, or ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Blocked drains cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Cesspools cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Houses cleansed and lime washed or distempered	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Vermin infested houses disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Overcrowding investigated	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fireplaces repaired or new ones provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Plastering repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	6



### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

During the year the Leicestershire Agricultural Executive Committee ceased to carry out destruction of rats at the Council's Refuse Tips and Sewage Works. It was decided that the most economical way of carrying out the Council's duties under the Act was by the employment of a part-time Rodent Operator. A man was duly appointed to be half-time Rodent Operator and to work on the Sewage Works for the remainder of his time.

He started to carry out a systematic survey of the whole of the Rural District on the 29th October, commencing at one boundary and working towards the other one.

During the year the sewers in the district were baited. I am pleased to inform you that there were no "takes" of bait.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Routine investigations and disinfections were carried out after reported cases of infectious disease.

Cases investigated ...	...	...	...	...	7
Disinfections carried out..	...	...	...	...	3

In addition, investigations were made into one case of typhoid fever. It was proved that although the person concerned was a native of the Rural District, she had not resided here for some considerable time.

### WATER SUPPLIES.

Number of wells closed for drinking water supplies	49
Number of houses inspected ...	11
Samples taken for analysis ...	7
Samples condemned	5
Inspections to work whilst in hand	14
Informal Notices served	1
Statutory Notices served	10
Wells cleansed	1
Water laid on from Public Main	112

It will be noted that considerable progress was made during the year by the substitution of main water in lieu of well supplies.

### SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Number of licensed Slaughter Houses in district..	3
Number of inspections made... ...	8
Number of Verbal Notices given to limewash... ...	1

Eight inspections have been made of the Knackers Yards at Breedon Brand, and Sincote. On each visit all was found to be in order.

### MEAT INSPECTIONS.

Number of inspections made during the year... ...	38
Transport Vans inspected ... ...	3

The meat supplied in your district is distributed from the Regional Slaughterhouse at Coalville.



### FOOD SHOPS.

Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	42
Number of contraventions found and remedied	...					1
Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cafes inspected	...	...	...	...	...	9

### CONDEMNED FOOD.

During the year the following goods were inspected and condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

Tomatos	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	tins
Peas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	"
Soup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	"
Beans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	"
Luncheon Galantine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	"
Plums	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	"
Cherries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	"
'Ideal' Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	"
Beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105	lbs
Pork	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	pig carcase and all organs
Cooked ham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	lbs 9 ozs.

### NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

In addition to work carried out following service of Notices, no effort has been spared to encourage owners to carry out voluntary conversion and improvements. I am, however, of the opinion that the grant of £5. 0. 0. (Five Pounds) or one-half the cost whichever is the lesser, made by the Council in respect of closet conversion has ceased to be an incentive to owners owing to the increased cost of building materials and labour.

Premises inspected (Voluntary Conversions)	...	18
Premises inspected (District Inspections)	...	43
New drainage systems laid to sewer	...	10
New drainage to cesspools	...	4
Old drains repaired and extended	...	13
New water closets constructed to		
replace pan closets	...	47
Bathrooms provided	...	4
Additional W.C. accommodation provided	...	10
Revisits of inspection	...	94
Informal Notices served by way		
of instruction	...	11
New cesspools constructed	...	1
Septic tanks provided	...	3
Statutory Notices to provide new drainage	...	9

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Routine visits are made to these Conveniences. Unfortunately some damage has been caused by trespassers interfering with fittings etc. It is very difficult to maintain a supply of toilet rolls owing to these being frequently stolen.



### NEW BUILDINGS.

New Industrial Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	5
Additions to Industrial Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	6
Garages	...	...	...	...	...	16
New houses completed by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	28
New houses completed by Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	10
Additions and improvements to existing buildings	...	...	...	...	...	21
New farm sheds	...	...	...	...	...	5
Plans passed (dwellings, shops, etc)	...	...	...	...	...	120
Houses drained to a sewer	...	...	...	...	...	30
Houses drained to a cesspool	...	...	...	...	...	8
Water supply from Public Main	...	...	...	...	...	37
Water from wells	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses with water closets	...	...	...	...	...	34
Houses with pan closets	...	...	...	...	...	4
Extensions to cemeteries	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inspections made during constructions..	...	...	...	...	...	289

### TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1947.

Administrative duties under this Act have entailed a large amount of work in the Office, and on the sites. A considerable number of callers have been interviewed at the Office and all details of procedure have been fully explained and advice given.

The Amendment to the General Development Order has now been in operation for 18 months. This order allowed many minor works to be carried out without planning permission being necessary, work being carried out following byelaw permission only. There can be no question but that this has been a great improvement.

### SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Inspections to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	13
Sewers flushed and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Blockage to sewers cleared..	...	...	...	...	...	25
Sewers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	-
Inspections whilst work in hand..	...	...	...	...	...	40
Inspections of Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	...	131
Sewers relaid	...	...	...	...	...	1

Work at Measham Sewage Works in connection with the removal and washing of media in the sludge lagoons has continued.

### REFUSE COLLECTION.

The new Tip in the old disused railway cutting at Peggs Green, Coleorton, has been brought into use. This has necessitated the making of an ash road across the field.

During the year 313 dustbins have been supplied by the Council to replace dilapidated bins.

An order was placed for 50 Litter Bins in accordance with your instructions which are to be affixed to lamp standards etc. in various parts of the district.

### MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

During the year licences as follows were issued :-

Supplementary licences to sell						
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dealers licences to sell						
Tuberculin Tested Milk...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Supplementary licences to use						
Special Designation "Pasteurised" ..	...	...	...	...	...	4



Dealers licence to open and cool Tuberculin Tested Milk	... ... ... ... ...	1
Supplementary licences to use Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	... ... ...	2

Routine inspections of distributing vehicles have been carried out.

During the year 26 samples of milk for biological examination were taken. In two cases cows were found to be affected with tuberculosis, and were slaughtered. In addition, 12 samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

#### ICE CREAM.

There are still two premises for the manufacture of Ice Cream, one for hot mix and the other one for cold. The premises licensed for the latter have again not been used during the year.

26 premises are licensed for the sale of Pre-Packed Ice Cream. Routine sampling has been carried out. All licensed premises were found to be kept clean and no infringements of the Regulations were discovered.

#### TENTS, VANS, SHEDS.

Licences have been granted during the year in respect of 11 caravans. The majority of the licences referred to caravans in the parish of Packington where they were used in the main by workers on the Outcrop Coal Site there.

Routine inspections have been carried out in order to ensure that satisfactory conditions are maintained and there has been little to complain of with one exception.

Visits	... ... ... ... ...	27
Plans submitted in respect of site..	...	2
Plans approved..	... ... ... ...	2

#### FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspection of factories ..	...	...	39
Inspection of bakehouses..	...	...	4
Inspection of garage premises..	...	...	3
Notices received from			
Factory Inspector	...	...	1
Notices received from			
Factory Inspector and complied with	...	...	1
New conveniences approved	...	...	2
Cleansing of sanitary conveniences..	...	...	1
Re-visits	...	...	6
Informal Notices served ..	...	...	4
Inspection of cutworkers..	...	...	20
Certificate of Means of Escape			
in case of fire	...	...	1

#### PETROLEUM.

The department has continued to carry out routine inspections of Petroleum Stores under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928, and Petroleum Mixture Order, 1929. After approval by the Council renewal licences have been issued and new sites approved.



### HOUSING.

Work under the Housing Acts has included renovations of dilapidated property.

No. of houses inspected (new cases 1951) ...	...	...	58
No. of houses which were defective ...	...	...	58
No. of houses where defects have been remedied (including 1950 cases) ...	...	...	45
No. of houses where work is still in hand...	...	...	16
Work not started ...	...	...	20
Total number of revisits while work in hand ...	...	...	231
Informal Notices served ...	...	...	58
Demolition Orders served ...	...	...	4
Houses demolished ...	...	...	3
Houses reconditioned ...	...	...	4

Details of work done in this connection, inclusive of 1950 cases completed during the year are as follows :

Walls repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Roofs repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Chimney stacks rebuilt or repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fireplaces repaired or renewed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Floors repaired or relaid ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Doors repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Windows repaired or new ones fixed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Eaves spouts and downpipes repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Drains laid, relaid or repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Plastering to rooms repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Wash-houses repaired or drained ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coppers provided ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
W.C. repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Yard paving relaid ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dangerous brick structures demolished...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coal stores provided ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Septic tanks provided...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
New sculleries ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
New larders ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Staircases repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Grants were made under the Housing Act, 1949, in respect of two reconditioned houses.

Undertakings to carry out reconditioning at four cottages have been received from owners following service of notice to the effect that the Council were to consider making demolition orders.

### COUNCIL HOUSES.

28 houses have been completed during the year. Great efforts have been made to ensure that new houses have been allocated to the most needy cases.

566 houses are now owned by the Council and are situated as follows :-



Appleby Magna	...	18	Newton Burgoland	...	16
Colecorton	...	44	Osgathorpe	...	22
Heather	...	44	Ravenstone	...	51
Measham	...	168	Swannington	...	58
Oakthorpe	...	58	Snarestone	...	8
Donisthorpe	...	35	Worthington	...	44

New Council Houses were erected in the following parishes :-

Donisthorpe	...	4	Heather	...	2
Osgathorpe	...	8	Newbold	...	12
Snarestone	...	2			

The Council have under requisition the following properties :-

The Follies, Ravenstone, (occupied by two families).

House, Black Horse Hill, Appleby Magna.

The Shooting Box, Chilcote.

No. 4, Bramborough Terrace, Oakthorpe.

Maintenance repairs have been carried out as, and when, required, and 32 pan closets have been converted to water closets at Forest Terrace, Newbold. In addition, the approaches and gateways of nine new Council Houses at Newton Burgoland have been altered and paved and 130 yards of open and insanitary ditch piped in.

Painting has been completed at 12 Swedish Type Houses at Ravenstone and 4 at Swannington. The new colour scheme has enhanced the appearances of these and given great satisfaction to the tenants.

New footpaths have been laid at 15 Council Houses at Ravenstone, and 26 at Leicester Road, Measham.

I cannot conclude this Annual Report without recording my thanks to Mr. C. S. Curtis and Miss J. E. Lilley for their valuable and conscientious work carried out during the period under review. The latter left the Council's employ last August and was succeeded by Miss S. E. Clamp, who quickly picked up the details of Local Government Administration.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

*John F. Cook*  
C.R. San.I., M.S.I.A.





